

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

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For: SYSTEM, METHOD, AND MEDIUM FOR MONITORING PERFORMANCE OF AN  
ADVANCED PROCESS CONTROL SYSTEM

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Honorable Commissioner for Patents  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This Preliminary Amendment is being filed concurrently with the above-referenced application. The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on Page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on Page 31 of this paper.